

STATE SENATOR FLORENCE SHAPIRO

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Senator Shapiro announces agreement between Exide Technologies and the City of Frisco

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Emissions will be reduced by 90 percent

AUSTIN, TEXAS - **State Senator Florence Shapiro (R-District 8)** announced today that she has engineered an agreement between Exide Technologies and the City of Frisco. Under the agreement, Exide will invest \$20 million to reduce its Frisco battery recycling plant's lead emissions by 90 percent, exceeding both state and federal environmental guidelines.

"Establishing this agreement was extremely important to both the citizens of Frisco and to me," Shapiro said. "Reducing lead emissions beyond state and federal requirements will improve the quality of life for our citizens and, at the same time, keep jobs in Frisco and retain the city's tax base."

Shapiro worked closely with Frisco Mayor Maher Maso, the city council, City Manager George Purefoy, and Exide executives to obtain the additional commitments, which will be formalized as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) order by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Once TCEQ commissioners vote to accept the agreement, it will be enforceable by both federal and state regulators.

"I have reviewed this agreement thoroughly, and we will now present this to our commissioners for final approval," said Mark Vickery, Executive Director of TCEQ. "I'd like to thank Senator Shapiro for her leadership and guidance on this issue. Senator Shapiro has engineered an accord that considers, first and foremost, the interests of the citizens of Frisco, but also evaluates all other critical issues to serve all parties."

Vickery said the agreement requires that emissions levels established in 2008 must be reduced by 90 percent by November 2012 and sustained at that level, at a minimum, in perpetuity.

"Senator Shapiro's leadership in this matter has been greatly appreciated," said Mayor Maso. "She continues to serve our citizens at the highest level, as evidenced by bringing Exide to the table to make improvements over and above what is required to meet the minimum state and federal requirements."

"Formalizing the agreement as a State Implementation Plan will reassure citizens that mechanisms are in place to enforce the standards set forth in the agreement," Shapiro said. "I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved who has worked to find a solution that will do what is best for the citizens of Frisco."

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